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U.S. PATENT  
Application No. 09/898,606

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Thomason, Howard  
Application No.: 09/898,606  
Filed: July 3, 2001  
Examiner: Kishor Mayekar  
Art Unit: 1753  
For: METHODS OF PREPARING AND USING ELECTROSTATICALLY TREATED FLUIDS

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the March 12, 2004 requirement to elect between:

Claims 26-29 drawn to an energized fluid; and

Claims 30-41 drawn to a method of treating a fluid,

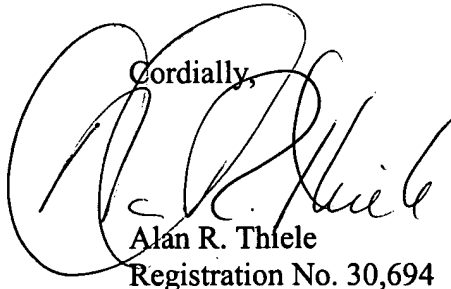
Claims 30-41 are elected for examination.

Accordingly, please cancel Claims 26-29, without prejudice. Client reserves the right to re-file claims 26-29 in a divisional application at a later date.

As no time period for response was indicated on the Office Action Summary, applicant has assumed a three-month shortened statutory period for submission of a timely response.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required to Deposit Account 19-4547.

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